

**What Is Claimed Is:**

1. A method of assembling a cable routing system comprising the steps of:  
providing a base element with a planar top surface, the top surface having a linear mating edge on opposite sides of the planar top surface, each linear mating edge having a continuous cross-section along the length of each linear mating edge;  
mounting a plurality of side elements to the base element along the linear mating edges, a first plurality of the side elements having an upstanding wall portion extending to a vertical height above the planar top surface of the base element, a second plurality of the side elements defining side exits extending transversely relative to the linear mating edges, and generally parallel to the planar top surface;  
mounting the base element at a vertical height above a telecommunications bay.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein one of the side elements of the second plurality of side elements includes a downspout portion to define a cable pathway extending from the planar top surface to a location below the planar top surface.
3. A method of assembling a cable routing system comprising the steps of:  
providing a base element with a planar top surface, an opposite facing bottom surface, the base element including first and second ends, and first and second sides, the ends and the sides forming a perimeter of the base element, each of the sides having a continuous cross-section along the length of each side;  
selecting a plurality of mating elements from a group consisting of: mating base elements, upstanding wall elements, and side exit elements;  
mounting the selected mating elements to the base element along the sides to form the cable routing system, wherein the mating elements form a continuous surface along the sides of the base element.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the side exit elements include horizontal side exit elements and downspouts, the method further comprising the step of mounting at least one horizontal side exit and at least one downspout to the base element.
5. A method of assembling a cable routing system comprising the steps of:
  - providing a plurality of rectangular base elements, each base element having a planar top surface, two opposite sides, and two opposite ends, the base elements having a continuous cross-section in a direction parallel to the opposite sides;
  - mounting the base elements together to form a base having a planar top surface including edges defined by one or more of the opposite sides and opposite ends of the base elements;
  - mounting a plurality of side elements to the base along the opposite sides of the base elements, wherein at least first and second side elements of the plurality of side elements include upstanding wall portions extending to a vertical height above the planar top surface of the base elements, and wherein a third side element of the plurality of side elements includes a side exit defining portion for exiting parallel to the planar top surface of the base.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the third side element further defines a downspout portion extending from the side exit defining portion extending below the planar top surface of the base.